

# ASYLUM INMATES STOLEN TO WORK IN MINES

## SUITS DECIDED ON TO RECOVER WAR WORK CASH

Believe Fraud Practiced in Cantonment Construction Under War Contracts Made.

### NUMBER FILINGS NOT DETERMINED

Unofficial Estimate Place Sum to Be Sought at \$75,000,000.

WASHINGTON.—A series of suits for recovery of money expended for construction of war cantonments has been decided on as the next step in the government's campaign against alleged frauds under war contracts.

The number of suits to be filed has not been definitely decided but it was indicated today that a dozen or more separate actions were in prospect.

The initial cases are to involve construction of Camp Union, Yaphank, N. Y.; Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.; Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Unofficial estimates place the total sum that will be sought in all of the recovery suits contemplated at more than \$75,000,000. In one camp costing \$15,000,000 auditors were said to have found indications of an excess expenditure of \$5,000.

In the first group of four suits in which action is to be instituted the government seeks to recover a total of \$21,500,000. The Camp Union suit involves \$6,000,000, the camp Jackson suit \$5,500,000, the Camp Sherman suit \$5,000,000 and the Camp Funston suit \$5,000,000.

WASHINGTON.—The decision of the department of justice to institute legal action for recovery of these sums resulted from an investigation of more than a year by Attorney General Daugherty and his assistants reaching into every part of the United States. What minor actions may grow out of the litigation department officials will not predict, but they have indicated that the whole series of suits when complete would present one of the most sweeping and far-reaching prosecutions ever to be instituted in the name of the federal government.

## Mine Dead Will Be Laid to Rest In Many Places

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Birmingham district today prepared to lay to rest the first of its 84 dead whose lives were snuffed out Wednesday by an explosion of coal dust in Dolomite mine, No. 3 of the Woodward Iron company, nine miles west of the city. The dead belong to the district, for virtually every settlement and city is represented in the casualty list, and the graves were being dug today in nearly every little cemetery between Birmingham, Bessemer and Ensley mines.

Sixteen men had not been identified today. One was a white man and the other fifteen negroes. Identification of some of the negroes was declared impossible, because their faces were burned virtually beyond recognition.

## 2 MILLION DOLLAR BALL GAMES STAGED

NEW YORK.—Million dollar football games, two of them, will mark the climax tomorrow of the eastern gridiron season. Money which will be spent by the 75,000 persons attending the Yale-Harvard event at New Haven and the \$6,000 at the army-navy game at Philadelphia, is estimated conservatively at \$2,000,000. For tickets alone more than \$600,000 will be spent. Car fare, meals, flowers, theatre parties, clothes and other incidentals will cost more than the tickets.

## FIRE SWEEPS WOODS NEAR TYSON, REPORT

BALTIMORE.—Fire which broke out about midnight in the woods near Tyson, Baltimore county, was still burning this morning, but it was believed by the fire fighters that danger to dwelling and other property had passed.

The flames, which were running through the woods bordering the Maryland and Parr had burned back between two and three miles from the tracks and for a time endangered big wooden trestles of the road and a large number of cottages.

## ASK INQUIRY ON GAS PLANT FOR CHICKASHA

CHICKASHA, Okla.—Report of the club's public affairs committee urging the city administration to immediately employ experts to determine the cost of establishing a municipal natural gas distributing system here, has been unanimously adopted by the Kiwanis club of this city.

# Irish Leader Executed for Pistol-Toting

## Finger of Grief-Stricken Mute May Send Father to His Death

### FATHER ACCUSED OF SLAYING TWO SMALL CHILDREN

Bodies Found Hacked and Mutilated in Sacks in Kaw River; Trial Starts on December 4; Boy Is Witness.

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—On the fingers of 14-year-old Albert Dinella rests the fate of his father, Antonio, who is awaiting trial here for the death of his two daughters.

For from these fingers will be made known the result of a test of strength between love of parent and grief over the loss of a life-long helper and companion, according to prosecuting officials.

When the case comes up in the Wyandotte county district court, in the term opening December 4, the tale of a harrowing double murder is expected to come from these fingers. For Albert can neither speak nor hear, and it is on the sign language of the deaf-mute boy that authorities will depend for the conviction—or acquittal—of his father.

What secret do these fingers hold? Will the boy be his father's Nemesis or will he save his father from the gallows?

Prosecuting attorneys and police believe the boy will be a favorable witness for the prosecution. For they point to the fact that Albert's life-long and most cherished playmate was one of the victims for whose death Antonio Dinella will be tried.

John, twin sister of Albert, had been the voice and ears of her brother—until one day last September when her body, hacked and mutilated almost beyond recognition, was found in a sack on the bank of the Kaw river. Only two days before, the headless body of her younger sister, Florence, had been picked up by police under similar circumstances.

Find Evidence  
Investigation by authorities led them to the crude shack of the children's father on the bank of the Kaw river near where it empties into the Missouri in the heart of Kansas City, Kan. They searched the home and came out, they say, with a blood stained hammer and some gunny sacks, like those in which the girls' bodies had been found. After questioning the father they arrested him and are holding him for trial on a charge of murder.

But the chief testimony in the case, police say, they have not yet gathered. That lies with Albert, the deaf-mute, brother of the murdered girls.

## Governor Paroles McAlester Man on Request of Judge

OKLAHOMA CITY.—A parole effective at once was granted here today by Governor J. B. Robertson to Mack Lester, former court clerk of Pittsburg county who was sentenced to seven years in the state reformatory at Granite for forgery on Oct. 21, 1921.

The parole was granted on the request of Judge Harve L. Melton of the district court of Pittsburg county, according to the papers attached to the parole. Judge Melton tried Lester's case.

Two score letters recommending a parole and petitions from six towns in Pittsburg county, including McAlester, were also appended to the petition.

## R. R. ROUNDHOUSE IS DESTROYED BY BLAZE

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—The St. Louis-San Francisco railway company's round house northeast of the city was destroyed by fire with an estimated loss of \$25,000 early today. Guards on duty at the plant say the fire started in the roof near electric wires. Four of six locomotives in the building were removed without damage. Another locomotive was destroyed while still another was badly damaged.

COL. PADILLA MAKES ESCAPE FROM CUERNABACCA PRISON  
MEXICO CITY, Mex.—Col. Enrique Goldbaum Padilla, who recently was sentenced to serve seven years in prison by court-martial for usurpation of authority in connection with the kidnapping episode of A. Bruce Bielaski, former head of the bureau of investigation of American department of justice, escaped from prison at Cuernavaca says El Mundo.



Albert Dinella, and, inset, His Father, Antonio Dinella.

## LEGAL STEP IN KINNEY AFFAIR WILL BE TAKEN

Effort Will Be Made Soon to Effect Settlement in Case of Father and Daughter.

Legal steps necessary to untangle the web into which the affairs of Mrs. Opal Rexroat Kinney have become, are expected to be launched within a week or so, according to announcements this morning, but there is nothing definite as to what the plan will mean.

Opal, Ludie and F. Rexroat, her father, returned to McAlester last night, where the Kinneys drew up plans for a settlement. The only thing definite is that Mr. Rexroat will continue as guardian and hold power in the name of the same.

Ludie was all set upon his return and said that he would take up his trade of a mechanic in this city. He has relatives here and it is the desire of Opal to be with her parents, he said.

Mr. Rexroat gives all credit for the reconciliation to Judge A. T. West, Attorney C. A. Couckley and former sheriff Buck Garrett, who have been employed in the case since its beginning on last New Year's Day.

## PROTEST IS WAGED OVER ROAD CHANGE

McALESTER, Okla.—Pittsburg county citizens are up in arms and a tremendous protest is being waged against the proposed substitution of a different type of road construction than was advertised to be let by the state highway department on the first three federal aided projects in this county.

## Pollock Would Revise Automobile Tax Laws

"Uncle Tom" Pollock, one of the representatives elect from this county has some pretty definite ideas what he wishes to accomplish as a member of the next legislature, and his pet hobby at this time, is a revision of the automobile tax laws that has been vaguely suggested before, but upon which no definite action was ever taken.

His plan is to create a bill and have it enacted into law, that will cause all automobile tax to be collected and used in the county where the automobile is owned, and not send the money to the state capital as done under the present system.

Uniform Tax Wanted  
Mr. Pollock says he believes that the tax should be uniform that a certain

## CONTRACTOR SUES CITY FOR MONEY ON PAVING JOBS

Only Four Thousand Dollars Paid on Contract Price, Cook Company Claims in New Petition.

The West Broadway paving controversy that has been up before the city council on various occasions for adjustment, was taken to the district court today when A. L. Cook, contractor, through his attorney, G. A. Paul, filed suit asking the court to mandamus the mayor and city commissioners, together with the city manager and clerk, to pass a bond resolution to pay a balance alleged to be due plaintiff in the sum of \$19,682.57.

The suit involves that portion of paving on West Broadway between L and P streets that has been in controversy between the city, the contractor, and the property owners for some time.

Petitioners set forth that they have been paid the sum of \$4,000.00 but there yet remains due the amount set forth in the petition.

## PLANS BEING MADE FOR T-B SEAL SALE

Resolved to raise \$5,000 from the sale of T-B Christmas Seals this year, members of the H-GR have started preparation of plans for an extensive drive that will start on December 2, when nearly 100 girls will take the field.

Proceeds from the sales will go to the State public health department to be used for stamping out tuberculosis in all sections of the state. In the campaign here the city has been divided into sections with several teams working in each division.

## Merchant Tried Joking Hold-Up Men-But Failed

When the store of J. D. Lane at 516 E street northwest, was robbed by two negro men last night at about 8 o'clock, between \$40 and \$50 in cash was taken, Mr. Lane told the police, who have spread a net over the county.

"I tried joking them when they came in the front door with guns in their hands," Mr. Lane said, "but they wouldn't be joked and said they intend to get all I had. And they did."

Mr. Lane was closing his store for the night when the men came in. After forcing him to put up his hands, one man unlocked the safe, cash register and then searched the pockets of Mr. Lane.

As the men were making a hurried getaway, they almost ran over Mrs. Lane, who was coming in the front door from her home adjoining.

## EMBEZZLEMENT IS CHARGED AGAINST FORMER BANKERS

Complaints Filed Against Officers of the Defunct Wilson State Bank By John Hodge.

### MISAPPROPRIATION OF DEPOSITS IS CHARGED

Bank Has Been Reorganized and Is Now in Good Condition, Reported.

As an aftermath of the failure of the Wilson State Bank last summer, at which time its doors were closed, two complaints were filed by county Attorney John L. Hodge this morning, one against C. M. Boyd, and one against L. C. Salee, charging embezzlement of funds, and the case will be heard before Justice Butcher in a few days according to the attorney.

The complaint sets forth that C. H. Boyd as assistant cashier on or about the 25th day of August, appropriated to his own use the sum of \$2,433.92, money alleged to have been a deposit of Chas. Zuebel.

It charges L. C. Salee, a vice president, on or about the 10 day of September, appropriated to his own use the sum of \$2,160 alleged to have been the deposit of C. R. Corbale.

The Wilson State Bank has been reorganized as the Producers State bank and is said to be a sound financial institution at this time, having as stockholders and officers, some of the most influential and wealthy men in that section of the county.

## Ersine Childers Found Guilty by A Military Court

DUBLIN.—Ersine Childers, chief lieutenant of Estan de Valera, was executed today. He was executed at 7 o'clock for having an automatic pistol in his possession. It is announced in an official bulletin given out by the national army.

The brief army reports states that Childers was tried by a military court at Porto Bello barracks, Dublin, November 17, charged with being in possession without proper authority, with an automatic pistol when apprehended by national forces, November 10, at Aunamos House, county Wicklow. The deceased the report adds, was found guilty and sentenced to death and the finding and sentence being duly confirmed, the execution was carried out this morning.

While the method of execution was not officially described it is believed it was by shooting.

Childers was captured on the morning of November 10, at the home of a relative, Robert Barton, situated in a wooded and picturesque section of Wicklow.

Troops surrounded the Barton home at dawn. One of the troops rapped at the door and was answered by a maid. The servant was thrust aside and a detachment of the expedition entered the house.

Childers was found in an upstairs bedroom. He attempted to draw a pistol but was overpowered. He was taken to Wicklow jail and later to Porto Bello barracks, Dublin. Robert Barton, one of the signatories of the Anglo-Irish treaty later turned against it.

## SCHOOLS WILL BOOST INDIANS IN TILT TODAY

Spizerinkum Club "Hoboes," "Kids," "Ragmuffins," Whole "Shebang" Will Be There.

Pep, lots of it, the old-fashioned brand of stuff that made men fight and swear and women fuss and declare.

Things took a decided turn in chapel at high school this morning while getting ready for the game this afternoon when it is deemed that Chickasha, the champions of the southern conference, shall be the victim.

The Spizerinkum club sang a parody on "Oh, Johnny, Oh, Johnny, Oh," urging the Indians to victory this afternoon. The yells were gone over and a number of pep talks were made.

In addition to this, today is "Hobo and Kid Day," for the seniors and "Ragmuffin Day" for the other classes. All are dressed the part and long before classes were called this morning, the streets were filled with what appeared to be an army of circus clowns.

Seniors went to class chewing gum and chaffing each other all day. This afternoon they will hold their all day sucker and carry their own little pillow to the game and sit within the ropes of the side lines.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR GARY FUNERAL MADE

CHICAGO.—Arrangements for the funeral of Henry H. Gary, general manager of the Chicago newspaper publishers' association, who died last night, were being done. His death was caused by pneumonia after an illness of three weeks. He was 64 years old. He was well known throughout the country by many newspaper men. He is survived by a widow and two children.

## MUSKOGEE TO STAY IN SOUTHWESTERN

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—Muskogee will not be in the Western league next year and neither will the local team be used as a farm by the Cincinnati Reds or any other club, Owner Ensley Harbaur said last night.

"The Southwestern league will never surrender its Muskogee territory because it realizes Muskogee has been the backbone of the organization since its inception. Taking Muskogee out of the southwestern means the end of that league."

## LEGION TO ELECT OFFICERS MONDAY

The annual election of officers of the George R. Anderson post of the American Legion will be held Monday night, and all ex-service men are requested to be present on this occasion.

The adjutant is making a strenuous effort to collect all 1922 dues before January and asks that every one attend to this important matter at once.

## OHIO WELFARE BOARD RETURNS MEN TO ASYLUM

Legal Battle Likely to Follow "Rescue" Men From Pennsylvania Mines By Columbus Officials.

### MINE OWNERS SAY MEN ARE CAPABLE

"Boys" Had Been Promised High Wages and "Good Time" in the Mine Zone, Said.

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Possibility that a legal battle in Ohio courts might provide a sequel to the spectacular "rescue" of 14 former inmates of the Ohio institution for the feeble minded, from the bunk house of a strip mine near Turtle Creek, Pa., early yesterday was being considered here today.

Declaring that the former inmates had been inveigled away from the institution and put to work at the mine for little pay and under unsatisfactory conditions, representatives of the Ohio welfare department with Pennsylvania state police swooped down on the workings, bundled them into automobiles and whisked over the state line into Ohio before court action to detain them might be started.

While no active resistance to the coup was offered at the mine, the return of the 14 was followed by a statement at Pittsburgh from Frank K. Bentz, manager of Bentz brothers, the Columbus firm which operates the workings, to the effect that he would seek recourse in the Ohio courts. Bentz announced that all had been adjudged mentally and physically competent by reputable physicians and that he had retained attorneys to take legal action in the case.

Worked Voluntarily, said  
One of the men taken away from the mine, Mr. Bentz declared, had been employed there for seven years, several others for four or five years and the remainder for seven or eight months. They all came voluntarily, he asserted, and were paid regular for the work they did. He denied that living conditions at the operations were bad. State-ments of the "boys" who according to welfare department officials, range in age from 18 to 40, were to the effect that they had been induced to go to Turtle Creek by promises of high wages and "a good time."

The return of the 14 state wards to Columbus marks the conclusion of months of effort, it was said at the welfare department. The situation first was brought to light here last August and since that time negotiations with various branches of the Pennsylvania state government, have been carried on. After conferences with various agencies, co-operation of the Pennsylvania state police was assured, it was said, and the raid planned in order that long delay through court action might be avoided.

Today the "boys" were back at the institutions here and are working on the jobs they had before they departed.

## Lions Will Buy Books for Needy In This County

Answering an appeal for school books for the needy study in this county, the Lions club went on record yesterday as favoring a plan to buy as many books as are needed. A committee was named to confer with Mrs. Kate Galt Zancos, county superintendent, and ascertain how many children needed books this year, so that a plan could be worked out.

J. W. Strawn spoke on the fuel oil gravity test and answered questions from some of the members. P. W. Wemyer of the Lee Highway association spoke on the need of keeping this route before the public by maintaining the road in an excellent condition for travel the year round. G. A. Ramsey made a short talk on the plan of the newly formed good roads division of the Chamber of Commerce and asked support of the club.

## USES LANTERNS TO KEEP WOLVES AWAY

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—Wolves are so numerous in Goosecreek bend and are destroying so much stock that farmers of that vicinity are planning a big hunt in the near future to eradicate the pest. The farmers are considering the advisability of staging a barbecue as an inducement to the hunters to turn out and free the neighborhood of the wolves.

Henry Nicholson, of this city, who farms in Goosecreek bend, has lost 24 pigs in recent date as a result of the depredations of the animals. Nicholson has found an effective means of keeping the wolves from his pig pen by nightly hanging out of a large number of lanterns near which no wolf will tread.

Rev. Duncan McIlwain of Norman was in the city today visiting friends.